Bench of Allahabad High Court

8254. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the reaction of the Government of Uttar Pradesh to the recommendation of Jaswant Singh Commission about establishment of another Bench of Allahabad High Court;

(b) whether the Uttar Pradesh Government concurred with the recommendation of the said Commission about establishment of another Bench; and

(c) if so, when and what is the reaction of the present Government of Uttar Pradesh thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The present Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh has proposed that recommendations of the Jaswant Singh Commission for setting up Benches of Allahabad High Court in Western Uttar Pradesh may be implemented. However in the same proposal he has informed that the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court is not agreeable to set up a Bench in that region for the present for the reason that the situation in Western Uttar Pradesh is not conducive.

Procedure in cases of assaults on Women

8255. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Women Organisations especially NGOs, have lately urged Government to evolve a new procedure for examination of minors who are victims of rapes and sexual assaults; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken and are being taken to evolve a procedure helpful to the psyche of the minor victims of rapes and sexual assaults?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Government have not received any representation from any women's organisation in this regard. However, a seminar on "Child Rape" was organised by the National Commission for Women in New Delhi on the 7th and 8th October, 1992 which was attended by various experts who made several recommendations. The recommendations were primarily concerned with the substantive and procedural laws relating to child rape, the medico-legal aspects, the mental health needs of the child victims and the action needed to rehabilitate the victims and make them acceptable to the society. An expert committee on laws constituted by the National Commission for Women suggested a Bill further to amend the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 with a view to make these legislations more effective. The Bill is receiving attention of the Government.

Complaints against Judges/Judicial Officers

8256. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/High Court of Delhi have received a number of complaints that some Judicial Officers are acting in arbitrary manner(s) and are abusing the judicial discretion in the cases/matters relating to the poor citizens and they are totally unfit for the High Office; if so, the number thereof;

(b) whether the said Judicial Officers who failed to discharge their judicial duties can be punished by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor;

(c) whether any action has been taken in matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?